Docket No. 217868US2S

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideaki HAYASHI, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/028,788

GAU:

2111

FILED:

December 28, 2001

EXAMINER: DALEY, C.

APPARATUS MANAGEMENT METHOD, APPARATUS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND APPARATUS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PRODUCT

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a one month extension of time be granted to January 22, 2005 for

| filing a response to the Official Action dated: September 22, 2004. |
|--|
| responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated: |
| filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed. |
| responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated: |
| filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed. |
| filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on: |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half. |

The required fee of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,

MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

12/30/2004 YPOLITE1 00000113 10028788

03 FC:1251

120.00 OP

Eckhard H. Kuesters

Registration No. 28,870

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000 Fax. (703) 413-2220 (OSMMN 05/03)